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When Raul Liendo, a Panamanian and an alleged Trotskyite, made his offer to sell 200 machine guns to the Bolivian Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) [REDACTED], MNR representatives stated that they lacked funds to purchase the arms, in spite of the low price at which they were offered. The MNR countered with a proposal to purchase 50 machine guns and 200 hand grenades, whereupon they were told by Liendo that the sale price of the arms was incidental and could be arranged to suit the convenience of the MNR. It was at this point in the negotiations that Liendo made his statement that what his organization wanted in exchange for the arms was the privilege of liquidating the heads of the mining and other large industries of Bolivia after the MNR was successful in overthrowing the government.

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